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**Proclamation of National Community Development Week**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, enacted in 1974, has long been considered the most successful local Program ever approved by Congress. The Program gives state, city, and county governments the flexibility to target CDBG funds to locally designed programs, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents and to help eliminate slums and blight.

The County of Los Angeles, through the Community Development Commission, administers the largest CDBG Urban County Program in the nation, encompassing the unincorporated County of Los Angeles (County) areas and 47 participating cities.

This year, 2010, marks the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDBG Program. Since its inception, the CDBG Program has consistently provided assistance to low- and moderate-income residents of Los Angeles County through a variety of economic development, public service, recreation, and housing rehabilitation programs. CDBG funds provide services to youth, seniors, the homeless, persons with HIV/AIDS, and

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persons with special needs. Strong partnerships among County Departments, Participating Cities, and Community-Based Organizations have helped ensure the quality and effectiveness of the CDBG Program within the County.

For example, during the past fiscal year, the CDBG Program provided services to 101,700 persons living with HIV/AIDS; created or improved 4,200 housing units and served 830,000 persons through housing rehabilitation, rental assistance, and code enforcement programs; provided economic development technical assistance to 2,500 businesses; constructed or improved 71 public facilities; provided public services to nearly one million persons through almost 100 non-profit agencies; provided supportive services to 6,400 seniors; and provided services and activities to 10,300 youth.

The Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program substantially exceeded the Federal requirement to expend 70% of its funds for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons. In the past fiscal year, the CDBG Program expended \$31.7 million, or 95% of its total CDBG expenditures, for the benefit of low- and moderate-income persons.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Proclaim April 4 through 10, 2010 as National Community Development Week in the County of Los Angeles in order to recognize the history and accomplishments of the CDBG Program.

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